

HOUSE RESOLUTION 70

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the students, teachers, and staff of Farmington Elementary School upon winning Dick Tillman's School Challenge to aid in the Quest for One Million Pennies.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those people, especially the youth of this State, who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the students, teachers, and staff of Farmington Elementary School are such estimable people, who have evinced the greatest integrity and dedication to their community through many service projects; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Farmington Elementary School accepted Dick Tillman's School Challenge to assist in the Quest for One Million Pennies, a fund raiser for St. Jude; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman, President of the Kroger Delta Marketing Area, challenged students in the Memphis area to raise one million pennies, and he offered \$2,500 in technology equipment to the school that raised the most money; and

WHEREAS, the children of Farmington Elementary School not only met the challenge, they shattered it by themselves: the school raised 1,177,047 pennies; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their impressive and unprecedented work in service of their community, Mr. Tillman doubled the promised award, granting Farmington Elementary School \$5,000 in technology equipment; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is due the following students, who each raised over 10,000 pennies alone: Andrew Banker, Sarah Weiss, Katie Hook, Kelsey Green, Austin Carter, Meelod Heydari, Conley Jolly, Kelsey Russell, Ginger Guin, and Andrew McCarty; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Banker was the top collector; he alone raised 93,000 pennies; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones' 5th grade class raised the most pennies for the school, having collected \$2,110.76; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the technology prize, the classroom that raised the most pennies for each grade level will attend a sock hop, complete with a personal visit from "Elvis"; and

WHEREAS, the school's success in the Dick Tillman School Challenge for the Quest for One Million Pennies is but the continuation of a history of community service; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2002, students at Farmington Elementary School established a club called K-Kids, which works with the local Kiwanis Club; the club has collected coats, clothing, and other goods; organized a recycling program for ink cartridges, cell phones, and phone books; and is currently conducting a used book drive for distribution to needy children; and

WHEREAS, the students, teachers, and staff of Farmington Elementary School have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to the Memphis and Shelby County community; and

WHEREAS, Farmington Elementary School is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and its students, teachers, and staff should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and

commend the students, teachers, and staff of Farmington Elementary School for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and congratulate them upon meeting Dick Tillman's School Challenge in the Quest for One Million Pennies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.